THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 9.85 crores.

(c) This will depend upon the availability of funds in the coming years.

Acquisition of vessels for Inland Water Transport

236. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the allocations made during 1988-89 and 1989-90 for acquisition of vessles for inland water transport in the country;

(b) whether orders have since been placed for acquisition of these vessels;

(c) if so, whether these vessels are to be indigenously manufactured or to be imported; and

(d) what are the details thereof including the terms of acquisition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) With a view to augment the cargo carrying capacity of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation allocations made for acquisition of vessels are as follows:—

1988-89—Rs. 15.00 crores

1989-90—Rs. 26.00 crores.

(b) to (d) The Central Water Transport Corporation have placed orders for 63 vessels on indigenous yards. Out of 63 vessels, 12 vessels are being built in the Rajabagan Dockyard of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation. The Annual Plan for 1989-90 also provides for 2 hovercrafts for passenger service between Calcutta and Haldia on the National Waterway for which orders so far have not been placed.

Setting up of Regional Sports Training Centres

237. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Regional Sports Training Centres being set up in the country;

(b) what are the locations identified for the purpose and by when these Centres are likely to start functioning; and

(c) what is the number of coaches from abroad who are currently imparting training to our athletes in different Centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The following six Regional Centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have already been set up in the country (with headquarters given in bracket) for effective implementation of sports development programmes launched by SAI/Central Government in coordination with Sports Administrations of the concerned States/UTs:—

(i) Central Centre (at present Delhi.

(ii) Eastern Centre (Calcutta).

(iii) Northern Centre (at present Patiala).

(iv) North-East Centre (Imphal).

(v) Southern Centre (Bangalore).

(vi) Western Centre (Gandhi-Nagar).

These Centres are already functioning.

(c) 21 foreign coaches and experts in Sports Science are currently training our sportspersons at different Centres.

Setting up of English Medium Teachers Training College in Delhi

238. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not a single English Medium Teachers Training College in Delhi thereby leading to poor teaching standards in Delhi Schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that Happy Hours Foundation, Delhi had started a Training Institute but this was discontinued in 1978 due to inordinate delay by Government to extend recognition thereto despite its approval and assessment by NCERT as reported in Neighbourhood Star of 1st to 7th April, 1989; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow the Happy Hours Foundation, Delhi to restart the course with full support from Government in their pioneering effort?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir. There are two recognised teacher training institutions at degree level and four at nursery level imparting training in English medium to teacher trainees in Delhi.

(b) As per records of Delhi Administration, the Institute was not a recognised one. Hence the facts regarding closure of the Institute are not in the knowledge of Delhi Administration.

(c) There is no such proposal with the Delhi Administration.

Traffic Safety Week

239. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Traffic Safety Week has been observed from April 3rd, 1989 all over the country;

(b) whether this occasion was observed by involving NGO, Public Interest Information of Joint Traffic Management Committees alongwith Traffic Police and other involved Departments in every city/town and at State and National levels; and

(c) whether a beginning was made at Delhi which has one of the most mismanaged traffic systems in the country, if so, with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides the agencies of the Central Government, the State Governments and UT Administrations, non-governmental organisations such as Federation of Indian Automobile Associations with all their constituents were associated in the events and programmes relating to observance of road safety week.

(c) Delhi Traffic Police, Directorate of Transport of Delhi Administration, D.T.C. and the Automobile Association had undertaken a number of programmes aimed at improving road safety awareness in Delhi. Besides wide publicity on road safety awareness through media, the measures undertaken included deployment of traffic police personnel at important road crossings, more effective enforcement of traffic rules, conducting smoke emission tests on motor vehicles, organisation of eye-testing camps at selected points, deployment of DTC supervisory staff at important bus-stops to ensure proper stoppages of buses, the checking of brakes and